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Sri C. PULLA REDDI:—" To a previous question the Hon. Minister said that the Government are trying to find foreign markets for the handloom cloth remaining unsold. Is it on the assumption that the poor people's needs in this State with regard to their cloth requirements have been satisfied and so there is this accumulated stock, or is it on the assumption that there is slump in the State and the purchasing capacity of the people is so low that they cannot go in for the handloom cloth? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" A number of questions have been put on this very difficult and delicate subject. I agree with the point made that the present products of the handloom industry in India cannot really find a big market abroad, because the patterns and sizes are all patterns and sizes required in our country. But the competition is really between the mill cloth and the handloom cloth and we will have to find ways and means by which we can solve this difficulty. I may take this House into confidence and say that I have strongly supported and suggested that certain categories, not merely counts, should be exclusively reserved for the handloom industry, and the mills must be prevented from manufacturing those categories. If this is done, I am sure that internal market for the handloom products can be secured without injuring the mill industry which can find a market for its products here as well as abroad."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" Is it not a fact that yarn of a higher cost is allotted to the handloom weavers and if so, is it not the duty of the Government, who have made such allocations, to take over the accumulated stocks and sell the same later on, so that the situation, so far as the weavers are concerned, may ease? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The ultimate result of any such procedure as suggested by the hon. Leader of the Opposition would be that we will be selling instead of the weavers having to sell. The person who has to use the cloth is the consumer. Therefore, the suggestion that we should take over the goods and lend, out of our exchequer, money to them, will only postpone the difficulty. We will have to lend money again and again which would not be possible. We must therefore find consumers and thus solve the problem, and that is what I have suggested."

Selection of centres for S.S.L.C. Public Examination.

* 127 Q.—Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the minimum number of students required to have an examination centre for S.S.L.C. Public Examination?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The S.S.L.C. Public Examination is held in the district and taluk headquarters and in all boys' high schools presenting not less than 75 pupils for the examination. Boys' schools presenting a

smaller number of candidates will be clubbed together and the examination for these candidates will be held at a central school having facilities of accommodation and furniture. Girls' schools presenting not less than 30 candidates will be separate centres; and two or more girls' high schools in a locality will be clubbed together, and the examination for these candidates will be held at the school having ample accommodation and furniture. In the case of mixed high schools having a considerable number of girl candidates separate seating arrangements will be made for girls, and if possible, a lady Assistant Superintendent will be appointed for supervision. Exceptions are made in particular cases where it is difficult to follow the rules strictly."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Are the Government aware of the fact, that consequent on the clubbing of the pupils together and asking them to appear for examination in some other school, the pupils are feeling very great inconvenience to go to distant places and appear for the examination and is it one of the reasons for the large number of failures in those schools? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I have already answered on another occasion, that in view of the difficulties that are reported, the matter will be considered."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—" May I know whether the centres are fixed after receiving the applications or before, in respect of the October S.S.L.C. Public Examination? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I should like to have notice to answer the question. I think the centres are fixed in advance."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM:—" May I know whether the Government will permit students to appear for the Public Examination privately without studying in any school? "

Mr. SPEAKER:—" It is altogether a different question. We are now dealing with centres for examination. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri V. RAMA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, why the results of the S.S.L.C. Public Examination this year were not published in the Press? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" A separate question may be put, Sir. However, as it is a matter of public interest, I may tell the House that the Papers refuse to publish the results and that is why the Government have not published the results. But, the results are communicated to the students in the certificate books, which are sent to them."

Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH:—" May I know whether the Government will consider the question of reducing the school fees in Rayalaseema in view of the famine conditions? "

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Government will give us an assurance that the minimum of 75 students will be reduced to, say, about 20 or so? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot give such an assurance now, Sir. I have already stated that the matter will be considered in the light of the difficulties experienced."

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that copying is going on, in almost all the centres? " (Laughter.)

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI :—" At present the students of the Anantapur Engineering College are being sent to the Guindy Engineering College for their practical examination when there is a laboratory and equipment available in the Ceded Districts College. Will the Government stop this muddle at least hereafter? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" The hon. Minister just now said that the Papers were refusing to publish the results and the results are indicated in the books which are sent to the students. As the books reach the students very late and as the students therefore find it very difficult to apply for seats in Colleges, may I know whether the Government will publish the results in the Papers even if they have to pay for such publication? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Though it is a separate question altogether, I may inform the hon. Member that it will be considered."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In view of the fact that there are many cases of malpractice at the time of examination because of clubbing a large number of students together like this, will the Government consider and see that the number of students appearing for the examinations in a particular centre is reduced? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of students appearing in a particular centre has nothing to do with copying."

Expenditure on the recent general elections.

* 128 Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the State in holding the recent general elections?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The total expenditure involved in connexion with the conduct of the recent general elections to both the Union Parliament and the State Legislature is approximately Rs. 87 lakhs.

" The Government of India will bear half of the total expenditure incurred by this Government on the preparation and printing of electoral rolls for the Assembly and Parliamentary